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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INTERPELLATIONS ON

KIM TAE CHUNG

1. AT SPECIAL NOVEMBER 6 PLENARY SESSION, FIVE ASSEMBLYMEN QUESTIONED THE PRIME MINISTER AND JUSTICE MINISTER ON RESOLUTION OF KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE. NDP LEADER YU CHIN-SAN SET TONE FOR OPPOSITION, ASKING PURPOSE OF PRIME MINISTER KIM'S RECENT JAPAN TRIP AND STATING THAT, IF PURPOSE WAS TO TRADE AN APOLOGY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, IT WAS A NATIONAL DISCRACE. YU QUESTIONED VERACITY OF EARLIER GOVERNMENT TESTIMONY BEFORE ASSEMBLY, WHICH ALLEGED NO INVOLVEMENT OF KIM TONG-UN, AND CALLED FOR THE ENTIRE CABINET TO RESIGN. YU THEN BROADENED HIS ATTACK ON THE GOVERNMENT, CRITICIZING "INTELLIGENCE POLITICS", CALLING FOR A REORGANIZATION OF THE ROK CIA, AND HITTING GOVERNMENT HANDLING OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS. HE RECOMMENDED A REVISION OF THE YUSHIN CONSTITUTION.

2. IN LOW KEY REPLY PRIME MINISTER DENIED MISSION OF APOLOGY; HE CHARACTERIZED TRIP AS CONSULTATION ON

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NUMBER OF ISSUES, INCLUDING KIM CASE, NOT A HUMILIATION.

HE SAID THAT CABINET WOULD NOT RESIGN, BUT WHEN INVESTIGATION COMPLETED, RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE FIXED. KIM DEFENDED ROK CIA AS WORKING HARD ON DIFFICULT TASK, JUSTIFIED PRESS LIMITATIONS BECAUSE OF PRESENT SITUATION, AND VOICED OPPOSITION TO STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS.

3. NDP ASSEMBLYMAN YI TAEK-TONG AND INDEPENDENT SON CHU-HAN CONTINUED IN SAME VEIN AS YU. SON ALSO ASKED IF STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS WOULD BE REINSTATED AND IF KIM TAE-CHUNG WOULD TRAVEL TO THE U.S. THE PRIME MINISTER REPLIED THAT ALL BUT THE RINGLEADERS WOULD BE REINSTATED, AND THAT, SO FAR, KIM TAE-CHUNG HAD NOT APPLIED FOR A PASSPORT. YI TAEK-TONG CONCERNED ON INVOLVEMENT OF KIM TONG-UN IN CASE; JUSTICE MINISTER SHIN REPLIED THAT THERE IS STILL NO EVIDENCE OF KIM'S INVOLVEMENT, ADDING THAT KIM HAS ONLY BEEN SUSPENDED WHILE UNDER INVESTIGATION.

4. GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLYMEN TOOK DIFFERENT TACK. CHAE SE-KYONG CALLED FOR QUICK RESOLUTION OF CASE AND ASKED GOVERNMENT NOT TO OVER-REACT TO STUDENT ACTIVITY. CHONG CHAE-HO OF YUCHONGHOE TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CRITICIZE KIM TAE-CHUNG FOR ANTI-STATE OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES.

5. COMMENT: OPPOSITION CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT IS STRONGEST SO FAR. THIS, COMBINED WITH NOVEMBER 7 FORMAL NDP RESOLUTION FOR RESIGNATION OF CABINET AND NDP BOYCOTT OF BUDGET COMMITTEES (SEPT), CONSTITUTES SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION IN SCOPE OF OPPOSITION PARLIAMENTARY ATTACK ON GOVERNMENT.  
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